

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie Fire Rescue Department is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire, and medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of Davie, as well as businesses, schools, service clubs and organizations in their fire safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, today's public safety campaign and related materials concentrate on home use of candles, which represent a uniquely residential concern. Nine out of 10 reported U.S. candle fires occur in homes; and

WHEREAS, smoke and poisonous gases are the leading causes of death in fires and can kill long before the flames reach us; and

WHEREAS, an adequate escape plan includes knowing two ways out of every room, an outdoor location where everyone will meet upon exiting, and to call 911; and

WHEREAS, fire drills should be practiced regularly, at least twice a year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of the Town of Davie proclaim the week of October 9-15 2005 as:

Fire Prevention Week

This week commemorates the great Chicago fire of October 9, 1871, which killed more than 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

Reported home candle fires have more than tripled since the low of 5,500 in 1990. During 2002, it was reported to public fire departments that an estimated 18,000 home fires started by candles. These fires resulted in an estimated 130 civilian deaths.

We call upon the people of Davie to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to take notice of the message: And this year's theme is;
"Use Candles with Care: When you go out, blow out!"

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 21st day of September, 2005.

Tom Truex, Mayor

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